

FORM PTO 1390
(REV 5-93)

US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
2006 1377ATRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371U.S. APPLICATION NO.
(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
NEW 10/589785International Application No.
PCT/JP2005/002417International Filing Date
February 17, 2005Priority Date Claimed
February 18, 2004**Title of Invention**

HYDROGEN PRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS

Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US

Chi MATSUMURA et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau, as indicated on the attached Form PCT/IB/308. **ATTACHMENT A**
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). **ATTACHMENT B**
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.
9. ☒ An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). **ATTACHMENT C**
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. **ATTACHMENT D**
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

ATTACHMENT E

13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment. **ATTACHMENT F**
 - ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ Other items or information: Form PCT/IB/304. **ATTACHMENT G**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

U.S. APPLICATION NO. **10/589785**
NEW

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2005/002417

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.
2006 1377A

15. [X] The following fees are submitted

Basic National Stage Fee \$300.00
National Stage Search Fee (International Search Report provided - 37 CFR 1.492(b)(2)) \$400.00
National Stage Examination Fee \$200.00
Specification/drawings in excess of 100 pages (1 units of 50 x \$250.00) = \$250.00

CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =

\$1,150.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

\$

Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	39 - 20 =	19	X \$50.00	\$950.00	
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3	X \$200.00	\$600.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =

\$2,700.00

☐ Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.

\$

SUBTOTAL =

\$2,700.00

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

+

\$

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =

\$2,700.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +

\$40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =

\$2,740.00

Amount to be refunded \$
Amount to be charged \$

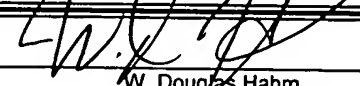
- a. [X] A check in the amount of \$2,740.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

CUSTOMER NO.
000513

By: 
W. Douglas Hahn,
Registration No. 44,142

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P.
2033 "K" Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Phone: (202) 721-8200
Fax: (202) 721-8250

August 17, 2006

CHECK NO. 75721
[2006_1377A]